

Assessment Engineer's Report

WASHINGTON STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Annual Update for Fiscal Year 2008

under the provisions of the

San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance of the San Diego Municipal Code

and

Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972 of the California Streets & Highways Code

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Preamble

Pursuant to the provisions of the "San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance" (being Division 2, Article 5, Chapter VI beginning at Section 65.0201 of the San Diego Municipal Code), provisions of the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" (being Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code), applicable provisions of "Proposition 218" (being Article XIIID of the California Constitution), and provisions of the "Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act" (being California Senate Bill 919) (the aforementioned provisions are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Assessment Law"), in connection with the proceedings for the WASHINGTON STREET MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (hereinafter referred to as "District"), BOYLE ENGINEERING CORPORATION, as Assessment Engineer to the City of San Diego for these proceedings, submits herewith this report for the District as required by California Streets and Highways Code Section 22565.

FINAL APPROVAL, BY RESOLU	TION NO		
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUN	CIL OF THE CITY OF SAN		
DIEGO, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE			
DAY OF	, 2007.		

Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK CITY OF SAN DIEGO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Executive Summary

Project: Washington Street

Maintenance Assessment District

Apportionment Method: Equivalent Benefit Unit (EBU)

	FY 2007	FY 2008 (1)	Maximum (2) Authorized
Total Parcels Assessed:	1,346	1,339	
Total Estimated Assessment:	\$39,189	\$39,189	
Total Number of EBUs:	2,209.75	2,209.75	
Assessment per EBU:	\$17.73	\$17.73	\$19.70 (3)

⁽¹⁾ FY 2008 is the City's Fiscal Year 2008, which begins July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2008. Total Parcels Assessed, Total Estimated Assessment, and Total Number of EBUs may vary from prior fiscal year values due to parcel changes and/or land use re-classifications.

Proposition 218 Compliance: The District, originally formed in July 1993,

was re-engineered in Fiscal Year 1999 for compliance with Proposition 218. By a ballot proceeding, majority property owners (51.4% of the weighted vote) approved Fiscal Year 1999 assessments, maximum authorized assessments for subsequent years, and provisions for annual cost-indexing.

Annual Cost-Indexing: The maximum authorized assessment rate has

been increased based on approved annual cost-

indexing provisions.

Bonds: No bonds will be issued in connection with this

District.

⁽²⁾ Maximum Authorized annual amounts subject to cost-indexing provisions set forth in this Assessment Engineer's Report.

⁽³⁾ Prior year's maximum authorized annual assessment increased by cost-indexing factor of 3.01%.

Background

The Washington Street Maintenance Assessment District (District) was established in July 1993. The initial purpose of the District was to provide for the maintenance of landscaped medians, rights-of-way, and slope improvements along Washington Street from approximately 300 feet west of the University Avenue overpass to Hawk Street. The original Assessment Engineer's Report is on file in the City of San Diego (City) Clerk's Office.

The District was re-engineered in Fiscal Year 1999 for compliance with Proposition 218. By a mail ballot proceeding, property owners approved the re-engineering with 51.4% of weighted votes supporting the proposed assessments.

The Assessment Engineer's Report, preliminarily accepted by Resolution Number R-290155 on May 26, 1998, proposed Fiscal Year 1999 assessments, maximum authorized assessments for subsequent years, and provisions for annual cost-indexing of the maximum authorized assessments.

District Proceedings for Fiscal Year 2008

This District is authorized and administered under the provisions of the "San Diego Maintenance Assessment District Ordinance" (being Division 2, Article 5, Chapter VI beginning at Section 65.0201 of the San Diego Municipal Code), provisions of the "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972" (being Part 2 of Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code), applicable provisions of "Proposition 218" (being Article XIIID of the California Constitution), and provisions of the "Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act" (being California Senate Bill 919) (the aforementioned provisions are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Assessment Law"). This report has been prepared in compliance with Assessment Law.

The purpose of the proposed proceedings and this Assessment Engineer's Report is to update the District budget and assessments for Fiscal Year 2008. The Fiscal Year 2008 assessments proposed within this Assessment Engineer's Report are equal to or less than the maximum authorized assessment. Therefore, the vote requirements of Section 4 of Article XIIID do not apply to these proceedings.

A public hearing will be scheduled where public testimony will be heard by the Council, and the Council may, at its discretion, adopt a resolution ordering the levying of the proposed assessments.

Bond Declaration

No bonds will be issued in connection with this District.

District Boundary

The Boundary Map and Assessment Diagram for the District are on file in the Maintenance Assessment Districts section of the Park & Recreation Department of the City of San Diego and by reference are made a part of this report. The Boundary Map and Assessment Diagram for the District are available for public inspection during normal business hours. A reduced copy of the Boundary Map is included as Exhibit A.

Project Description

The estimated improvements maintained by the District include landscape and hardscape elements (along Washington Street from approximately 300 feet west of the University Avenue overpass to Hawk Street), jacaranda trees, and sidewalks (from Hawk Street to Albatross Street). These landscape and hardscape elements consist of landscaped slopes, landscaped medians, hardscaped medians, and hardscaped sidewalks.

The Washington Street Beautification Project provided for the construction of additional landscaped medians and various streetscape/hardscape amenities along Washington Street (from Hawk Street to Albatross Street) and Goldfinch Street (extending one block north and south of Washington Street). The construction of these improvements (recently completed during Fiscal Year 2000 according to the City) was funded primarily via grants obtained by the City. These improvements account for an additional median landscaping. Due to the completion of these improvements, the maximum authorized assessment, previously approved by property owners, began being assessed in Fiscal Year 2001.

The engineering drawings for the improvements maintained by the

District are on file at Map Records in the City Engineer's office and are incorporated herein by reference. The specifications for the maintenance to be performed are contained in City Contract No. L2120/00, which is incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the City Clerk and the Park and Recreation Department and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Separation of General and Special Benefits

Consistent with City policy for the public at large, the City will provide the District with annual contributions from the Gas Tax Fund for median maintenance (32.70¢ per square foot of landscaped median and 12.39¢ per square foot of hardscaped median). These cost allocations, reviewed and adjusted annually by the City, are considered to be "general benefits" administered by the District. All other maintenance, operations, and administration costs associated with the District, which exceed the City's contribution to the public at large, are accordingly considered to be "special benefits" funded by the District.

Cost Estimate

Estimated Costs

Estimated Fiscal Year 2008 annual expenses, revenues, reserves, and assessments (provided by the City) are included as Exhibit B hereto.

Annual Cost-Indexing

With the passage of Proposition 218, any proposed increase in assessments must be placed for approval before the property owners by a mail ballot and a public hearing process, similar to these proceedings. A majority of ballots received must be affirmative for the City Council to confirm and levy the increased assessments. For small assessment districts or districts with relatively low dollar assessments, the cost of an engineer's report, balloting, and the public hearing process can potentially exceed the total cost of the increase. These incidental costs of the proceedings can be added to the assessments, resulting in even higher assessments.

Indexing assessments annually to the San Diego Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (SDCPI-U), as approved by the District property

owners in Fiscal Year 1999, allows for minor increases for normal maintenance and operating cost escalation without incurring the costs of the Proposition 218 ballot proceedings. Any significant change in the assessment initiated by an increase in service provided or other significant changes to the District would still require the Proposition 218 proceedings and property owner approval.

The maximum authorized assessment established in the Fiscal Year 1999 proceedings are authorized to be indexed (increased or decreased) annually by the factor published in the SDCPI-U. The maximum authorized assessment rates contained within this Assessment Engineer's Report have been indexed in accordance with these cost-indexing provisions.

Method of Apportionment

Estimated Benefit of Improvements

The improvements maintained by the Washington Street Maintenance Assessment District are as previously described. In general, the improvements consist of landscaped/hardscaped medians, right-of-way areas, and other amenities along Washington Street and Goldfinch Street. The improvements lie along the primary access route used for inter-community and intra-community trips. Parcels within the District benefit from the improvements in terms of enhanced community image, aesthetics, and public safety.

Apportionment Methodology

The total cost for maintenance of the improvements funded by the District will be assessed to the various parcels in proportion to the estimated Equivalent Benefit Units (EBUs) assigned to a parcel, in relationship to the total EBUs of all the parcels in the District.

EBUs for each parcel have been determined as a function of three factors, a Land Use Factor, a Benefit Factor, and a Location Factor, related as shown in the following equation:

EBUs = (Acres or Units) x Land Use Factor x Benefit Factor x Location Factor

Each of these factors is discussed below. Parcels determined to receive

no benefit from maintenance of the District improvements have been assigned zero (0) EBUs.

Land Use Factor

Since the improvements to be maintained by the District are primarily associated with the Transportation Element of the General and Community Plans, trip generation rates for various land use categories (as previously established by the City's Transportation Planning Section) have been used as the primary basis for the development of Land Use Factors. While these trip generation rates strictly address only vehicular trips, they are also considered to approximately reflect relative trip generation for other modes of transportation (e.g., pedestrian trips, bicycle trips, etc.), and are considered the best available information for these other transportation modes.

The special benefits of landscape and streetscape improvements maintained by the District are linked to trip generation primarily by the public safety and aesthetic enhancement enjoyed by travelers through the community. Trip generation rates provide the required nexus and basis for assigning ratios of maximum potential benefit to the various land use/zoning classifications as defined by the City's Municipal Code.

Land use/zoning classifications have been grouped with averaged trip generation rates assigned to establish the Land Use Factors are summarized in Table 1.

TABLE 1: Land Use Factors

Land Use/Zoning	Code	Land Use Factor (1)
Residential – Single Family (detached)	SFD	1.0 per dwelling unit
Residential – Condominium	CND	0.7 per dwelling unit
Residential – Multi-Family & Apartment	MFR	0.7 per dwelling unit
Residential – Duplex	DUP	0.7 per dwelling unit
Commercial – Office & Retail	COM	45.0 per acre
Church & House of Worship	CRH	2.8 per acre
Educational – Primary & Secondary	EPS	5.0 per acre
Fire/Police Station	FPS	15.0 per acre
Industrial & Institutional	IND	15.0 per acre
Library	LIB	40.0 per acre
Open Space (designated)	OSP	0.0 per acre
Park – Developed	PKD	5.0 per acre
Undevelopable	UND	0.0 per acre

⁽¹⁾ Proportional to vehicle trip generation per the City's Transportation Element.

Designated Open Space serves primarily to preserve natural landscape and habitat. While access for study and passive recreation is sometimes permitted, these activities are usually allowed only to the limited extent consistent with the primary purpose of natural preservation. Since this land is essentially "unused" in the customary terms of land use, the trip generation rate by open space parcels is zero. Therefore, the designated Open Space receives no benefit from the Transportation Element and has been assigned a Land Use Factor of zero.

Several parcels within the District boundary have been classified as "undevelopable." This is generally due to the topography of the parcel. Several canyons and steeply sloped areas exist within the boundary restricting the ability to develop or build upon a lot. Although not designated as open space, these parcels function as open space. Therefore, they have been assigned a Land Use Factor of zero similar to open space. Upon development of a parcel classified as "undevelopable," the parcel's land use classification shall be revised and the parcel assessed according to its new land use classification.

While those traveling streets and roadways enjoy the improvements maintained by the District during their travel, the

actual benefit of this enjoyment accrues to the lands at the origins and destinations of their trips, not to the lands of the streets and roadways, themselves. Accordingly, the Street/Roadway category receives no benefit and has been assigned a Land Use Factor of zero.

Benefit Factor

The Land Use Factor described above reflects the relative intensity of use (or potential use) of the various parcels of land to be assessed. It does not address the relationship of this use to the specific improvements to be maintained by the District. This relationship is reflected in the Benefit Factor utilized in the assessment methodology.

In determining the Benefit Factor for each land use category, the subcomponents of the benefits of District improvements considered may include some or all of the following: public safety, view corridors and aesthetics, enhancement of community identity, drainage corridors, and recreational potential. The components used for this District are: public safety and aesthetics/community identity.

As Benefit Factors and their subcomponents are intended to reflect the particular relationships between specific land uses within a district and the specific improvements maintained by the district, Benefit Factors will generally vary from one district to another, based on the specific character and nature of the applicable land uses and improvements maintained.

For a given land use, the composite Benefit Factor is equal to the sum of the subcomponent values. If a land use category receives no benefit from a subcomponent, then a value of zero is assigned to that subcomponent. A composite Benefit Factor of 1.0 indicates that full benefit is received. A decimal fraction indicates that less than full benefit is received.

The applicable benefit subcomponents and resultant composite Benefit Factors determined for the various land use/zoning categories within this District are as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2: Benefit Factors by Land Use

Land Use/Zoning	Public Safety (max. 0.4)	Aesthetics (max. 0.6)	Composite Benefit Factor (max. 1.0)
Residential – All	0.4	0.6	1.0
Commercial – Office & Retail	0.4	0.4	0.8
Church & House of Worship	0.4	0.2	0.6
Educational – Primary & Secondary	0.4	0.2	0.6
Fire/Police Station	0.4	0.4	0.8
Industrial & Institutional	0.4	0.2	0.6
Library	0.4	0.2	0.6
Open Space (designated)	0.4	0.0	0.4
Park – Developed	0.4	0.0	0.4
Undevelopable	0.4	0.0	0.4

Public Safety. All land uses are considered to receive the maximum available benefit from the public safety element of District improvements (landscaped medians). Public safety is essential to all land uses, and even to lands, such as designated Open Space, held in stewardship with only incidental human use.

Aesthetics. The degree of benefit received from the aesthetic qualities of landscaped/streetscaped roadway, medians, and rightsof-way maintained by the District varies among land use categories. Generally, by nature of their use, residential lands receive the greatest benefit from the reduced traffic congestion, reduced noise levels, greater separation from traffic and generally more tranquil environment provided by landscaped and streetscaped roadways, medians, and rights-of-way. Residential property owners associate themselves with the community they live in differently than the community they work in. Resultantly the residential properties receive the highest degree of benefit from the improvements. Non-residential uses, on the other hand, often thrive on higher densities, greater traffic access, and a higher level of activity in the vicinity of their enterprises. These uses, accordingly, receive a lesser degree of benefit from the general insulation and separation provided by the aesthetic elements of District improvements.

Lands in the Open Space, Park and Undevelopable categories are

considered to receive no significant benefit from the aesthetic elements of District improvements, as enhanced aesthetic quality of other lands in their vicinity does not affect their function, use, or value.

Location Factor

The Location Factor is utilized to differentiate properties of similar land use which receive differing levels of benefit. Business owners within the Lewis Street Business District (designated as Zone 2) contribute to maintenance of similar improvements within the public right-of-way in their business district area. Their contribution to maintenance of similar improvements has been recognized and credited as a partial in-lieu assessment toward enhancement of the community aesthetics. These few parcels have been assigned a Location Factor of 0.5. All other parcels within the District have been assigned a Location Factor of 1.0. The Location Factors for the District are as shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3: Location Factors by Zone

	Location Factor		
Zone	FY 2008 (1)	Max. Authorized	
Zone 1	1.00	1.00	
Zone 2 (Lewis Street Business District)	0.50	0.50	

⁽¹⁾ FY 2008 is the City's Fiscal Year 2008, which begins July 1, 2007and ends June 30, 2008.

Equivalent Benefit Units (EBUs)

As described above, the number of Equivalent Benefit Units (EBUs) attributable to each parcel in the District has been calculated, based on the preceding factors, as follows:

EBUs = (Acres or Units) x Land Use Factor x Benefit Factor x Location Factor

Based on the above formula, the EBUs calculated for each property, can be found in the Assessment Roll (Exhibit C).

Summary Results

The District Boundary is presented in Exhibit A.

An estimate of the costs of the improvements provided by the District is included as Exhibit B to this report.

The assessment methodology utilized is as described in the text of this report. Based on this methodology, the EBUs and Fiscal Year 2008 District assessment for each parcel were calculated and are shown in the Assessment Roll (Exhibit C).

Each lot or parcel of land within the District has been identified by unique County Assessor's Parcel Number on the Assessment Roll and the Boundary Map and Assessment Diagram referenced herein. The net assessment for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2008 can be found on the Assessment Roll.

This report has been prepared and respectfully submitted by:

OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, do her	, as CITY CLERK of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNTY reby certify that the Assessment as shown on the Assessment ram, both of which are incorporated into this report, were filed, 2007.
	Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK CITY OF SAN DIEGO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, do her	_, as CITY CLERK of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNTY reby certify that the foregoing Assessment, together with the his report, was approved and confirmed by the CITY COUNCIL, 2007.
	Elizabeth Maland, CITY CLERK CITY OF SAN DIEGO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORI	, as CITY ENGINEER of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO, NIA, do hereby certify that the foregoing Assessment, together ded in my office on the day of,
	Hossein Ruhi, CITY ENGINEER CITY OF SAN DIEGO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXHIBIT A

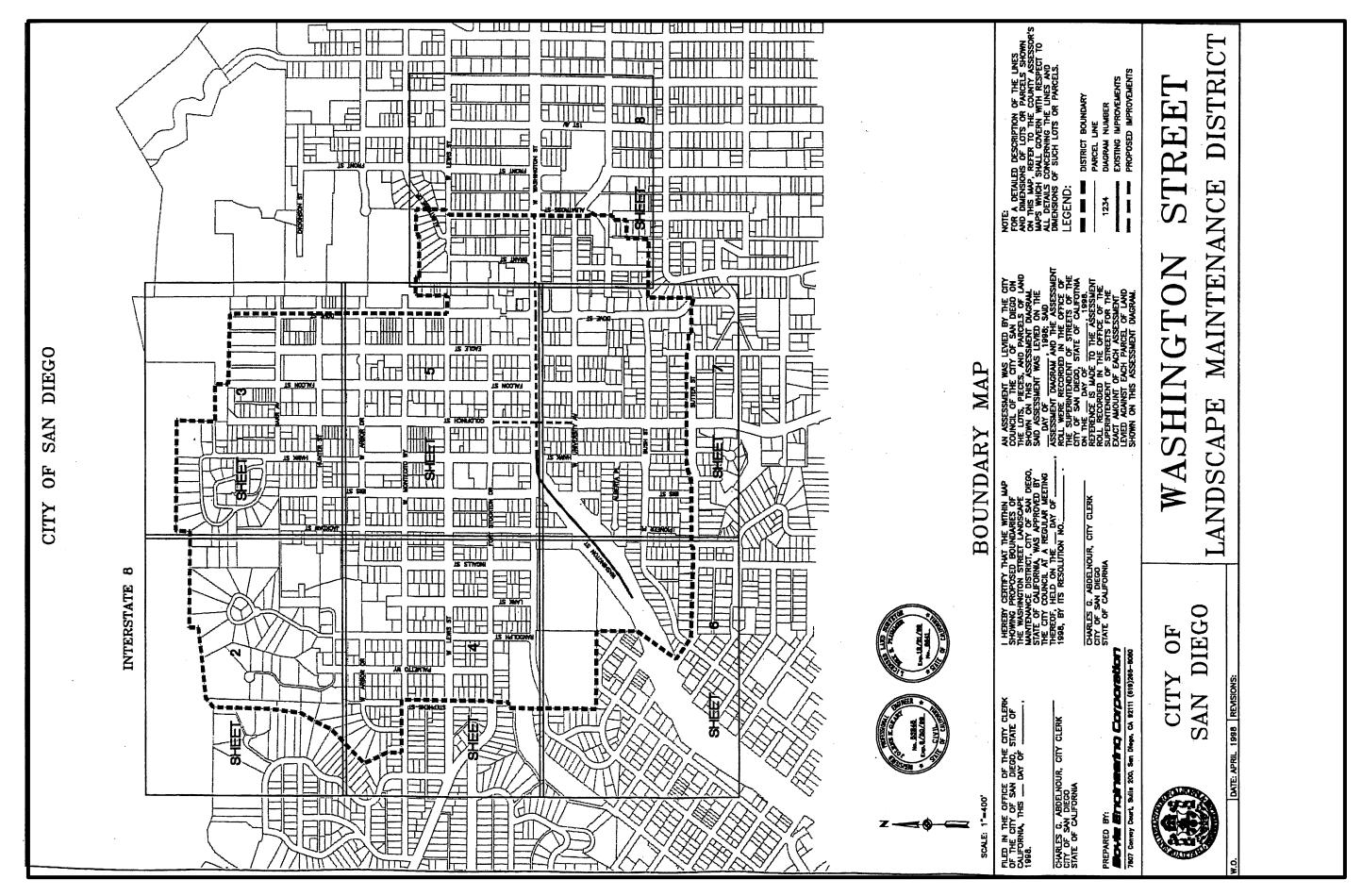


EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT B - Estimated Annual Expenses, Revenues & Reserves

Washington Street - Fund No. 70243

		Y 2006 SUDGET		FY 2007 BUDGET		FY 2008 BUDGET
BALANCE FROM PRIOR YEAR	\$	60,146	\$	76,264	\$	82,629
REVENUE						
Assessments	\$	39,162	\$	39,179	\$	39,189
Interest	\$	1,400	\$	1,781	\$	1,900
Environmental Growth Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$ \$	-
Gas Tax Fund	\$	5,247	\$	6,024		6,742
General Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$ \$ \$	-
Miscellaneous	\$ \$ \$		\$	-		-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	45,809	\$	46,984	\$	47,831
TOTAL BALANCE AND REVENUE	\$	105,955	\$	123,248	\$	130,460
EXPENSE						
OPERATING EXPENSE						
Personnel	\$	4,332	\$	4,351	\$	4,561
Contractual	\$	23,164	\$ \$	32,212	\$ \$	35,583
Incidental	\$	5,443		5,450	\$	5,111
Utilities	\$ \$ \$	4,732	<u>\$</u> \$	1,562	\$	3,585
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$	37,671	\$	43,575	\$	48,840
RESERVE						
Contingency Reserve	\$	68,284	\$	81,107	\$	81,620
TOTAL ŘESÉRVE	\$	68,284	\$	81,107	\$	81,620
BALANCE	\$	-	\$	(1,434)	\$	0
TOTAL EXPENSE, RESERVE AND BALANCE	\$	105,955	\$	123,248	\$	130,460

EXHIBIT C

Due to the size of the Assessment Roll (Exhibit C), only limited copies are available. Please contact the City of San Diego, Park & Recreation Department, Open Space Division, Maintenance Assessment Districts Program at (619) 685-1350 to review the Assessment Roll.